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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #41 - As of 11:00 A.M. EDT)

1. India claims to have seized control of a railroad line running between Sialkot and Pasrur, 30 miles to the southeast. This railroad is an important link in Pakistan's defense system. Pakistan maintains that the fighting near Sialkot remains stalemated and reports further bombing of Indian Air Force bases at Srinagar, Jodhpur, Halwar and Jhazanpur.

2. Dum Dum Civil Airport at Calcutta is now being used by Indian Air Force jet aircraft, presumably to protect the city from further attempted raids by Pakistani aircraft.

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4. A new proposal was sent early this morning to President Ayub from U Thant calling for a cease-fire to take effect at 0600 local time, 16 September. The cease-fire would be for an 8-day period during which Thant would attempt to work out further provisions acceptable to India and Pakistan. Although an immediate reply was requested, none has yet been sent by Ayub.

5. At a press conference today for foreign correspondents, Ayub publicly appealed to President Johnson to take a direct hand in settling the dispute. Ayub referred to the achievement of the de facto cease-fire in the Rann of Kutch dispute as a model for the present situation and stated that Pakistan's demand for a plebiscite within a 3-month period could be negotiated.

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